CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

History Matters

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Flavel House Garden Society
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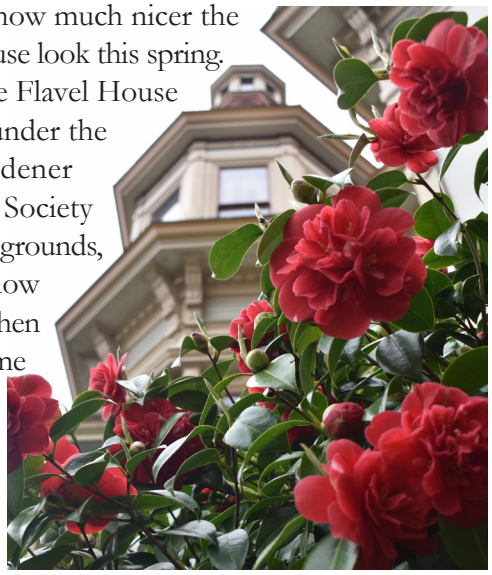
Flavel House Garden Society

You might have noticed how much nicer the grounds of the Flavel House look this spring. A year and a half ago, the Flavel House Garden Society formed under the guidance of Master Gardener Pam Holen. The Garden Society has since transformed the grounds, bringing them closer to how they would have looked when the Flavels lived in the home in the late 1800s. Come see what's in bloom now!



Scenes from a recent Garden Society meeting including society members (l-r): Master Gardener Pam Holen; Betsey Lang and Anne Stickel; and Gigi Lambert with Otis

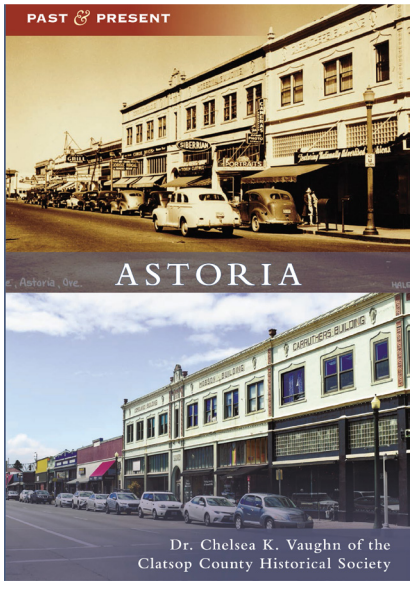
If you would like to join the Flavel House Garden Society come by the Flavel House Grounds Wednesdays at 1pm to help out and hone your gardening skills.

Curator's Corner

by Dr. Chelsea K. Vaughn, Curator

I am delighted to be putting forth my first "Curator's Corner" column. Here, I have the opportunity to introduce our membership to the various treasures in our collection, whether new finds or old favorites. One of the more special (and massive) collections is the over 40,000 historic photographs that document Astoria and the surrounding county. We continue to add photographs to the collection through the generosity of our many donors. You can access a sampling of these through our website: **astoriamuseums.org**

I relied on many of these historic photos for the content of *Astoria Past & Present*, a book I recently wrote for Arcadia Publishing. The book features more than 165 photographs that show historic Astoria and what those scenes look like today. Many of you may have spotted me around town, as I attempted to recreate historic photos from our collection. I loved seeing how, despite decades of change, so much of Astoria's historic character remains. I hope you will join me in enjoying both our city's past and present.



Available at the Carriage House and Heritage Museum gift shops

Food for Thought: Feeding the North Coast and Beyond

New temporary exhibit opens at the Heritage Museum

Food is an essential part of our everyday lives, yet as long as we have enough of it, it might not be something we think too much about. How does the food we eat make its way to local grocery stores and restaurants? How is it grown or made, and who is involved in doing that work? How have these processes changed over time? Important questions such as these form the basis for the new exhibit *Food for Thought: Feeding the North Coast and Beyond*, which explores the varied roles food has long played throughout Clatsop County and the surrounding areas. Incorporating a number of hands-on activities, along with historic photos and informational text, *Food for Thought* provides multiple opportunities for visitors of all ages to engage with this topic, learning how food has historically been grown, sold, prepared, and eaten throughout the region, and how that history continues to affect food systems today.

This exhibit is sponsored by Providence Seaside Hospital.

Right: Richard "Dick" Aho owned and operated Modern Cash Grocery on Commercial Street, circa 1934-1968, CCHS #97.006.015;
Left: Game pieces for an activity about World War II food rationing from the exhibit *Food for Thought*

Members' Reception

As a thank you for your continued support, please join us on Wednesday May 24, 6-8, for a special, members-only reception celebrating the opening of *Food for Thought: Feeding the North Coast and Beyond.* Held in the Edwin Parker Gallery at the Heritage Museum (1618 Exchange Street), this event will feature light refreshments and brief talks by both the Executive Director and Curator.

Ke Huy Quan and Jeff Cohen on the set of *The Goonies*, 1984
Photo courtesy Clatsop County Historical Society *Daily Astorian* Collection

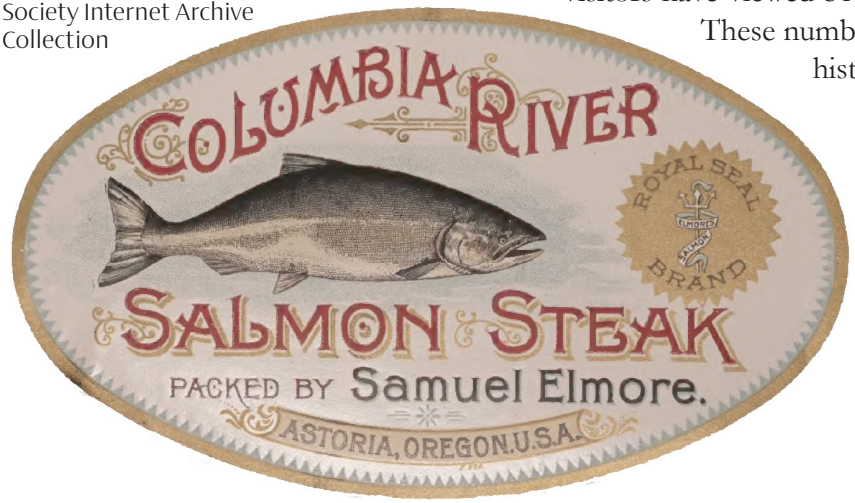
Congratulations to one-time Goonie and longtime friend of the Oregon Film Museum Ke Huy Quan on an incredibly successful year!

Come celebrate *The Goonies'* 38th Anniversary with us from June 2 through June 7. Take the "OreGoonian Challenge" and try your hand at 38 *Goonies*-related activities. More information is available at the Oregon Film Museum.

The"OreGoonian Challenge" is sponsored by West Bearing Investments, a division of Ferguson Wellman.

Above: Rain Magazine, Issue 51 (2020) from the Clatsop Community College Digital Archive in the Clatsop County Historical Society Internet Archive Collection

Below: Royal Seal Brand Columbia River Salmon Steak, packed by Samuel Elmore, from Astoriana in the Clatsop County Historical Society Internet Archive Collection



Digital Archive News

by Julie Burpee, Digital Archivist

I have been working on the CCHS Internet Archive project located in the Liisa Penner Research Center and Archive since October 2019. I take pictures of items in our collection and upload them to our account on the Internet Archive. Many of you have already been using our account in your personal research. If you have not seen it yet, you may access our digital collection through the QR code to the right or through this link:

https://archive.org/details/clatsopcountyhistoricalsociety

This project began in June 2019. We currently have almost 2,600 items to share with you and researchers around the world. Our site has been viewed by people in all 50 states, as well as internationally in countries such as Canada, Finland, Norway, and China. There have been 98,864 visitors to our account. With our current statistics, we have an average of 2,500 visitors each month looking at the resources we share on this digital archive. These visitors have viewed 51,508 items, averaging around 2,000 items each month. These numbers prove what we already knew - that Clatsop County history is important to many people all around the world!

Please take time to explore your digital collection, and enjoy the many offerings we have to share. Check back here for more ways to explore your digital Clatsop County history!

How to Research Your House

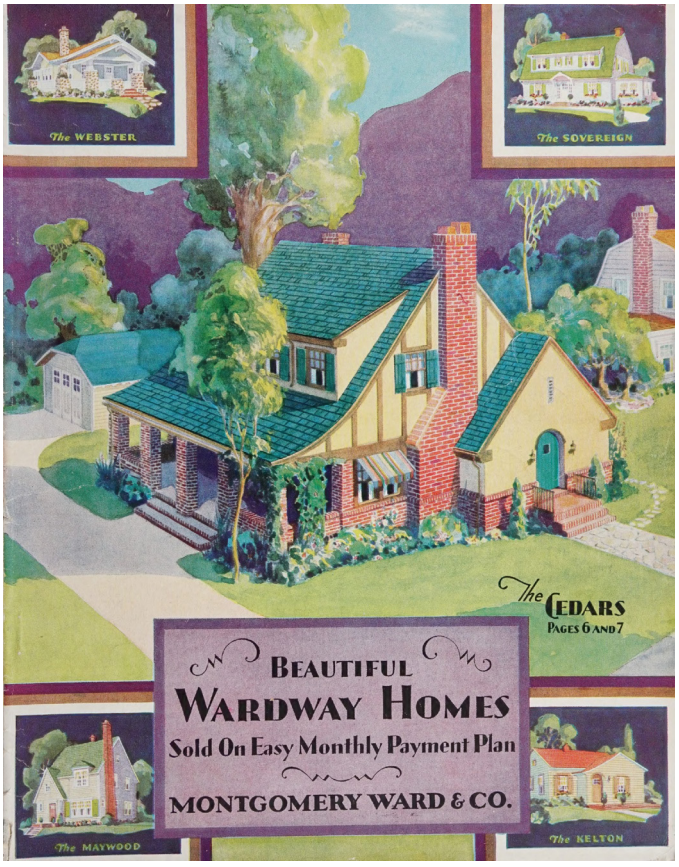
People frequently ask us how to research their house A great place to start is with the City Directories that the Clatsop County Historical Society has made available through the Internet Archive:

https://archive.org/details/clatsopcountycitydirectories

Please note that Astoria addresses changed in 1955. To research your home before this date, compare the addresses between the 1953 and 1955 City Directories.

The Astoria Public Library has made Sanborn Insurance Maps available through their website: **https://www.astorialibrary.org**

You will need a current library card to access the Sanborn Maps.



Right: *Beautiful Wardway Homes* by Montgomery Ward & Co. (1930) from the Clatsop Community College Historic Preservation and Restoration Digital Archive in the Clatsop County Historical Society Internet Archive Collection

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Upcoming Events

May 18: TNT, Jerry Sutherland presents "Bayocean: Atlantis of Oregon," Fort George Brewery Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane Street, doors open at 6

May 20: Fort George Brewery Lupulin Ecstacy Festival, Flavel House Grounds, Flavel House Museum and Oregon Film Museum closed to the public

May 24: *Food for Thought: Feeding the North Coast and Beyond* Member's Reception, 6-8, Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange Street

June 2-7: Goonies Day, Get your "OreGoonian Challenge" materials at the Oregon Film Museum, 732 Duane Street

Ongoing Events

Sundays, 8:30-9pm: Mac Burns and Alana Kujala host *An Adventure in History* on KMUN

Wednesdays at 1pm: Flavel House Garden Society Volunteers meet at the Flavel House Grounds

Helena Fellman at her kitchen sink, circa 1915, from the new exhibit *Food for Thought: Feeding the North Coast and Beyond* now open at the Heritage Museum, photo courtesy of Lauri Serafin